



Washington Foundation Scholarships Available for Teachers and Students

Thanks to the generosity of the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation in Missoula, the Montana Historical Society is pleased to offer scholarships for attendance at the **40th Annual Montana History Conference**. This year the conference will be held in Sidney at the Richland County Fairgrounds Event Center from **September 19–21**.

About the conference: Boom and bust cycles define much of Montana's past. Extraordinary opportunities lure immigrants, who prosper for a time. But then, with a turn in the weather, or the economy, or resource availability, the boom goes bad. Prosperous towns turn to ghost towns. Lilac bushes are all that remain of once hopeful homesteads. Then, sometimes, a new economic engine emerges. Gold, silver, copper, and coal mining, logging, homesteading, and oil and natural gas production have seen both booms and busts, and the wakes created by these cycles ripple throughout Treasure State history. Appropriately titled "Boom and Bust: Extracting the Past," the 40th Annual Montana History Conference in Sidney, will look at how the boom-bust cycle have affected all of our history.

About the scholarships: The scholarships will consist of full conference registration plus a \$300 travel/expense reimbursement. All teachers and students in Montana's high schools, colleges, and universities are eligible to apply (residents of Sidney and the immediate vicinity are eligible for the conference registration scholarship but not the travel reimbursement).

Recipients must attend the entire conference, including Thursday's Educator's Workshop.

Preference will be given to

- Teachers and students from Montana's tribal colleges;
- Teachers and students from Montana's on-reservation high schools;
- Teachers and students from Montana's community colleges;
- Teachers and students from Montana's small, rural, underserved communities.

Interested teachers and students should apply online. <http://tinyurl.com/MHCscholarship>

Applications are due by **5:00 p.m. September 4, 2013**. Awards will be announced Monday, September 9.

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